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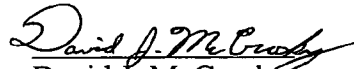
In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 62-129639 appears to disclose an air conditioner having sensors to control a room humidity as well as a room temperature. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

International Patent Publication No. WO 03/046441 appears to disclose a humidity control apparatus. The corresponding European Patent Application No. 1 450 113 is also attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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|                    |                       | JP-2002-323251-A   | 11-08-2002                     | Nagao   |   | Yes            |
|                    |                       | JP-2003-161465-A   | 06-06-2003                     | Yabu  |   | Yes            |
|                    |                       | JP-2004-069257-A   | 03-04-2004                     | Ikegami   |   | Yes            |
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